

Reconsideration of the above identified patent application is hereby respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-10 and 13-14 remain in the case.

A petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and payment thereof for a three month extension is attached hereto.

1. The Examiner's acceptance of the RCE is noted.

2. The election restriction is noted.

3-6. The rejection of claims and the reasons cited are noted.

The Examiner asserts that no patentable weight is accorded to the recitation of a portable toilet. The instant invention appertains to a portable toilet providing improvements and benefits that have been absent from portable toilets and therefore satisfying a long standing need.

All prior venting systems appertain to fixed in place toilets and rely upon hard wiring of 120VAC systems and

permanent fixed in place conduit to vent the toilet to a remote location. There is no teaching or suggestion in these prior patents to vent a portable toilet to a remote location or to use a low voltage DC motor to accomplish the venting. The very nature of portable toilets teaches against such usage.

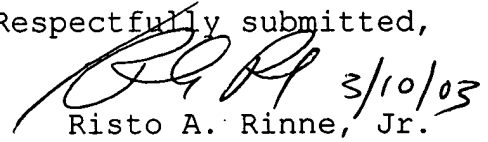
However, the inventor has determined that the infirm and elderly have need of a portable toilet proximate their bed for long periods of time and that the odor produced is noxious. Clearly, the instant invention provides benefits absent the prior art and satisfies a long-standing need.

Accordingly, the elements in combination for use in a portable toilet are not believed to be anticipated by any of the prior art. If the Examiner can propose language that might render any of the claims into condition of allowance, both the applicant and the undersigned would be most appreciative.

Reconsideration of the remaining claims is respectfully requested along with any helpful suggestions that the Examiner would care to offer for the purpose of advancing the useful arts.

As all remaining claims 1-10 and 13-14 appear to be in condition of allowance, reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested and a notice of allowance is courteously urged at the earliest time.

Respectfully submitted,

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